



### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.00pm in West Row Outdoor Bowls Club, Beeches Road, West Row IP28 8NY

**Present:** Cllr A Fisher, Cllr R Hamill, Cllr M Peachey, Cllr M Connery, Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls, Cllr L Baker and Cllr A Goodenough

Also in attendance: Sharon Vale, Parish Clerk and PC Scott Cameron and four MOP's.

The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 7:00pm. A reminder to everyone that the meeting was being recorded for accurate writing of the minutes.

413	<b><u>Apologies and acceptance for absence</u></b>  Received and accepted by D/Cllr D Waldron, Cllr J Goodenough and Cllr S Knight.	
414	<b><u>To receive member's declaration of interest and dispensations relating to items in this agenda.</u></b>  Cllr T Gooch-Taylor Balls declared an interest in Item 8 (h) as recorded in the Members' Register of Interests and has been granted a dispensation to engage in discussion and/or voting on this matter. Cllr R Hamill, Cllr A Fisher and the Clerk declared an interest in Item 7 (g) as recorded in the Members' Register of Interests and have been granted a dispensation to engage in discussion and/or voting on this matter.	
415	<b><u>To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 are a true and correct record.</u></b>  It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 were a true and correct record. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chair.	
416	<b><u>Public Participation session to include District, County Councillors, RAF Mildenhall and Police reports, plus representation from electors of the Parish.</u></b>  a. County Councillor Colin Noble – Suffolk County Council. No report at this time. b. District Councillor Don Waldron – West Suffolk Council. Nothing to report at this time. c. Squadron Leader Andy Ball – RAF Mildenhall. Update report attached.. d. PC Scott Cameron – Community Police Officer. PC Cameron introduced himself to the Parish Council and members of the public	

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	<p>present at the meeting, explaining that he had recently taken over from PC Andrew Green and is now based in Brandon. He reported on recent burglaries at the Baptist Church and the Fish and Chip shop and urged residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity in the village.</p> <p>He also informed us of an upcoming event at Jude's Ferry on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July, noting that the police will be monitoring the event with traffic officers available if required. The event may attract some 300 to 400 people. Additionally, he mentioned that he has been patrolling the road leading to the stadium and will continue to monitor activity during events held there.</p> <p>Lastly, he shared that he had visited West Row Academy to introduce himself to staff and pupils.</p> <p>e. Four MOP's from Pott Hall Road attended the meeting to express concerns about vehicle speeds in the area. One MOP had previously requested speed data from the SID device located on the road, which had been received. However, the MOP requested further historical data, specifically covering certain times of the day. Cllr A Fisher advised that he would endeavour to provide this information once his health permits.</p> <p>The MOP's also raised the possibility of installing speed humps. In response WRPC recommended conducting a survey of Pott Hall Road residents to gather feedback on preferred safety measures. They also encouraged the group to organize a petition to present to Suffolk Highways and SCC to support any formal request for action.</p> <p>WRPC confirmed they would offer their full support throughout the process. It was also emphasized that any incidents of dangerous driving should be reported via the appropriate online channels to ensure they are officially recorded.</p> <p>Cllr R Hamill will prepare the survey, which will be included in the October/November edition of the Parish Echo for residents to complete.</p>	
417	<p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
418	<p><b><u>Matters Relating to Governance</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	
419	<p><b><u>Financial Matters</u></b></p> <p>a. Approval and Authorisation of Payments for July 2025. It was unanimously Resolved to Accept the payments.</p> <p>b. Approval of June 2025 Bank Reconciliation was received.</p> <p>c. Approval of June 2025 Current/Deposit Account was received.</p> <p>d. Approval of Quarter 1 Accounts was received.</p> <p>e. Approval of Quarter 1 Payments over £500.00 was received.</p>	

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	<p>f. Approval of Quarter 1 Budget Comparison was received.</p> <p>g. Approval of Grant application from The Shed was received.</p>	
420	<p><b><u>Matters Relating to Street Furniture/Amenity Provision</u></b></p> <p>a. Report on Speed Indicator Device Findings. SID stats remain consistent. PC Scott Cameron asked that a copy of the data be sent to him monthly.</p> <p>b. Update on Footpath 30 (eroded riverbank) along the river at bottom of the Gravel. Ongoing.</p> <p>c. SCC Development – Cllr M Peachey, Cllr R Hamill and the Clerk had a meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 with Lovells who are scheduled to begin work on the development in August or September 2025. The project is expected to take approximately three years to complete, depending on the rate of property sales and construction progress. Lovells confirmed that they have agreed to the proposed street names and the inclusion of street lighting, which will be managed by SCC. A follow-up meeting is planned for six months' time to review progress and address any updates.</p> <p>d. Shop Drove Footpath – Ongoing.</p> <p>e. Building site at the entrance to Pott Hall Road – Cllr A Fisher has spoken to WSC regarding the site and awaiting a response.</p> <p>f. New Cemetery – Still awaiting land valuation from SCC. Cllr M Peachey will chase Cllr Colin Noble for an update.</p> <p>g. Hedge and Verge Cutting – Verges and hedges will be cut early September.</p> <p>h. The Ancient Parish of Mildenhall Charities – Public Right of Way from Friday Street to Village Hall Car Park. The legal order has now been confirmed by SCC, after which the matter should finally be settled.</p> <p>i. Additional cabling to the village sign by the Memorial – Awaiting quotation. Cllr A Goodenough has chased the contractor for the quotation.</p> <p>j. Road signs for Cats at Pott Hall Road, Children Crossing and Parking outside the School – New signs to be ordered and erected on telegraph poles along Pott Hall Road.</p> <p>k. Village Working Party. Cllr L Barker to put some wording together for FB page asking for suggestions or volunteers to start up group.</p> <p>l. Sunnica Development. Clerk to respond.</p> <p>m. Dog Waste Bin – Manor Farm Road. This matter has been noted by WRPC. We will await a response from WSC to the resident who raised the enquiry.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>AF/Clerk</b></p> <p><b>LB</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
421	<p><b><u>Other Working Party Updates/Reports</u></b></p> <p>a. Update to the Echo/Parish Magazine –August/September edition currently at the printers.</p> <p>b. Update on Neighbourhood Plan – Currently awaiting the adoption of the West Suffolk Local Plan so that we know what adjustments need to be made to the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	

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	<p>c. Warm Places Update. Centre for Warmth additional funding. Expenses update. Next fish and chip lunch Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025.</p> <p>d. 100 Club Update – Draw will take place next month.</p>	
422	<p><b><u>Allotment Matters</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
423	<p><b><u>Events</u></b></p> <p>a. 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary End of WWII 2025. We will celebrate VJ Day to mark the end of World War II over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025. West Row Historical Society to take the lead on this event. All is coming together for the planned activities.</p> <p>b. Litter Pick – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 10:00 to 12:00.</p> <p>c. Parish Council Surgeries. Next surgery to take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 from 10:00 to 11:00 – Cllr R Hamill and Cllr A Goodenough will attend. Additional surgeries will be on every third Saturday of the month.</p>	
424	<p><b><u>Chair and Councillors' reports/suggestion (on the night)</u></b></p> <p>Cllr M Peachey extended his thanks to Oliver Wastell from the Rights of Ways and Access team for his support regarding the new West Row development. Attached is the schedule of work, which is expected to commence in September 2025 weather permitting.</p> <p>Cllr M Peachey provided an update on the Public Rights of Way from Weston Ditch to Pollards Lane. A meeting is scheduled for next week to determine whether the proposal will proceed. He also reported that he had appealed the decision to close the footpath from Popes Farm to the Gravel. The Planning Inspectorate has upheld the appeal and instructed the county council to issue a modification order. Regarding the footpath between Worlington and Ferry Drove, a public inquiry is expected to take place early next year.</p> <p>Cllr L Baker proposed that WRPC consider launching a marketing campaign to highlight the parish council's achievements over the past year and to promote its values and purpose.</p>	
425	<p><b><u>Correspondence and exchange of additional information (at the discretion of the Chair)</u></b></p>	
426	<p><b><u>Date of the next meeting</u></b></p> <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21:00 hours.</p>	

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